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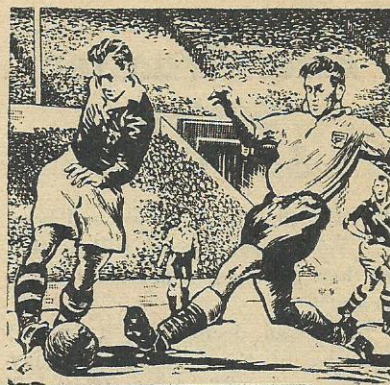


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J.U.S.T. WIN SUN CUP THRILLER AFTER EXTRA TIME

J.U.S.T. scored a hat-trick last Saturday night when they beat Wilhelmina 4-2, after extra time, to take the Sun News-Pictorial Cup for the third successive year.

**REMEMBER
THIS
LAST YEAR?**

Wilhelmina provided stubborn resistance, and it was probably the most bitterly contested Cup Final seen in Melbourne for years, and makes J.U.S.T.'s success more than ordinarily praiseworthy.

As expected, J.U.S.T. set off at a furious pace, and took the first half honors. Wilhelmina turned on flat-out pressure afterwards, and J.U.S.T. had to defend desperately at times.

In fact, Wilhelmina were leading 2-1 with a few minutes to go when Cubero equalised to force a draw and extra time.

Best for J.U.S.T. were Lolly Vella, Pepe Cubero and Emio Lucian, the goalie, who made many sensational saves, particularly in the first extra period.

Wilhelmina's best were goalie Joe Ruyter, Sjel de Bruyckere, and Arie Luyten.



This picture was taken when J.U.S.T. won the Sun Cup in 1956. An almost identical scene took place at the South Melbourne Cricket Ground last Saturday when Peter Vidovic (holding cup) again led his team to victory over Wilhelmina in a sensational Cup Final.

EDITORIAL.

Alter Transfer System Say Clubs

ONCE they have signed and been registered, players will be tied to their clubs for a period of three years.

This was decided at a special meeting of the clubs on Monday night, and will take effect, if granted constitutional ratification at a later meeting, on October 1.

Not a voice was raised against the principle of "tied" players. The only difference of opinion concerned the period of time players would be tied, and when the change would take effect.

Juventus moved for one year with immediate effect. Preston's amendment for a five-year period was defeated. Rosebud's amendment for a three-year period to take effect for season 1958 was passed by a two-to-one majority, and became the motion.

ADVERSE EFFECT.

All speakers agreed that the existing free transfer system hampered clubs in their efforts to build steadily improving combinations. This in turn had an adverse effect on the standard of play.

It was pointed out that many countries have "life" registration systems. Where these are in effect there is usually an additional one-year probationary registration available, during which both player and club decided whether a "life" association was desirable. Some of the countries currently displaying the highest standard of soccer use this system.

★ ★ ★

LAUGH of the close season — for those who only had to stand by and watch: The trouble club had in getting ALL their players together for a try-out. Surprising how many clubs have said "off the record" how difficult it was. Won't name them. Just say that several local soccer chiefs had to promise the players a week-end friendly game before they could get them all together!

HOME AT LAST

SLAVIA face Juventus at Olympic Park to-day, and with this fixture a new era for Victorian soccer begins. At Olympic Park, soccer will have a home and a headquarters, factors which have been lacking for years.

Furthermore, Olympic Park will provide a first-class venue for the code. A good pitch, excellent amenities for players and referees, and convenient facilities for the public.

No longer will the Association be required to usher inter-State and overseas guests into shabby and make-shift playing accommodation.

No longer will committees be required to scurry around all over Melbourne to beg and plead for a ground on which to play special or Sunday fixtures.

With Olympic Park available for the season (up to October 6), the code should, and no doubt will, regain the status to which it is entitled.

(For the programme of fixtures so far arranged for Olympic Park, see page 12.)

GREATEST GAME HERE EVER?



The Olympic Games semi-final between the U.S.S.R. and Bulgaria at the Main Stadium produced the best soccer Australia has seen. A draw at 90 minutes, Russia won by 2-1 during extra time. This scene taken during the second half (before 6 p.m.) shows the lengthening shadows and the referee shielding his eyes.

MORRIE BUCKNER reviews the Olympic Soccer . . .

GREAT STUFF — AND HOW THE FANS LOVED IT!

THOUSANDS of Australians — old and new — welcomed the chance to enjoy a feast of first-class soccer provided by the Olympic Games. And they were not disappointed. This was real soccer. Something of a standard rarely seen in Australia. I vote the U.S.S.R. v. Bulgaria semi-final the finest exhibition of soccer seen here and likely to stand as a well-remembered paragon of the sport in this country for a long time: speed . . . superb ball control . . . copybook tactics . . . exquisite positional play.

The Games emphasised what we already knew. By international soccer standards we're a third-rate power. But still a growing power.

Playing in an Olympic tournament for the first time, Australia did extremely well. We beat Japan 2-0 in the first round and held India in the first half of the quarter-final. The Australians appeared to lose concentration in the second half, and were defeated 2-4.

The gold medal winning Russians richly deserved their success. On their way to the trophy, they had to overcome Germany's ruggedness, Indonesia's obstinacy, Bulgaria's brilliance, and Yugoslavia's determination — and they proved equal to every test.

In the first match, Germany used an interesting nine-man defence pattern with a "wall" of eight players in front of the goalkeeper. The other two players were loosely placed on the half-way line awaiting breakaway chances while the Russians were drawn into the German half.

PLAN FAILED.

The plan failed, however. Russia's seven man attack broke through to score twice and their defence were beaten only once by a German breakaway.

Nevertheless, Indonesia applied the same tactics when they met the U.S.S.R. in a quarter-final. But again the Russian backs and pivot mastered the breakaway attempts. Indonesia's defence, too, were in top form, and proved impenetrable to the Russians' uninspired attack, the tie ending in a goalless draw after extra time.

Indonesia retained their plan for the re-play two days later, but Russia changed their goal-hunting tactics. Instead of trying to batter straight through the defence wall, they found their way round it and over it — and won 4-0.

Bulgaria, drawn against Russia in a semi-final, were considered by

many judges to be the superior team. Their brilliant speed and tactical technique in several practice matches, and in their 6-1 win over Britain, were expected to prove too much for the Russians whose play, though sound, was considered comparatively stodgy.

VERSATILE RUSSIANS.

The Russians proved themselves versatile, however. They paced it with the Bulgarians for a 0-0 draw and won 2-1 during extra time.

The extra half-hour started at 6.20 p.m. with a brilliant sun sinking low over the scoreboard at the western end of the stadium. All three goals were scored at the eastern end, and so there could be some justification for the contention that both goalkeepers may have been hindered by the lowering sun's glare.

The final, in which Russia beat Yugoslavia 1-0, was somewhat slower, but in all other respects comparable with the Bulgaria match. Russia, forced by the draw to play two more games than any other side, emerged worthy Olympic football champions.

Last thoughts on the rest of the matches. . . .

YUGOSLAVIA had a comparatively easy passage into the final. They had to leave several front rank players in Europe because of World Cup commitments, and their efforts, particularly the showing against Russia in the final, were very creditable.

BULGARIA, bronze medallists, who also received a bye into the quarter-finals, in which they easily beat Great Britain, would almost certainly have been finalists but for the mischance of being drawn against Russia in the semi-finals.

INDIA'S showing was far better than anticipated. Trained for the shorter matches played at home, and unaccustomed to wearing boots, they adapted themselves admirably to international conditions, beating Australia 4-2 and losing by respectably narrow margins to Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

GREAT BRITAIN beat Thailand easily, but their players did

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World Cup Games at Olympic Park

Sunday League's Good Prospects

ALL of the 17 national teams which participated in last year's World Cup competition have again been sponsored for 1957. This was announced after a meeting of last Sunday's international committee.

Because most, possibly all, of this year's games will be played at Olympic Park, the committee expect a record year. The committee's optimism is based upon the fact that last year's results, despite the lack of convenient grounds, were nevertheless satisfactory.

The same executive committee which functioned last year was re-elected:

Chairman, Dr. Charles Walker; deputy chairman, Mr. Des. Hamilton; treasurer, Mr. Kurt Defris; secretary, Mr. John Oliphant; fifth member, Mr. Fred Lang.

The first round of the competition will be drawn at the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, April 4, at 8 p.m., at the Amateur Sports Club, and the first games will be played on April 28 at Olympic Park.

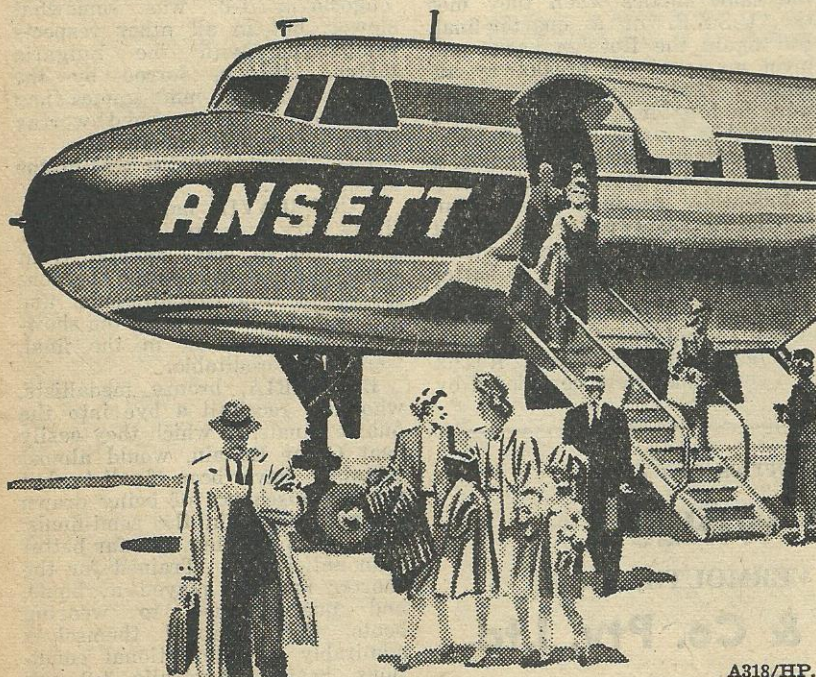
The sponsored teams are as follows: Australia, Austria, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, England, Germany, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jugoslavia, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Scotland, and Ukraina.

★ ★ ★
SLAVIA were the lucky club that got the tip that a young and very good player, formerly inside right for famous Austria Vienna, had arrived a few weeks ago and was languishing at Bonegilla. Some frenzied activity resulted in the signing of Garry Gotschlich, 21 years old, and you'll probably see him to-day at Olympic Park.

★ ★ ★
LIKE the outlook of new club Ferntree Gully's secretary, C. W. Smits: "... Our side is still young and unbalanced, but we will do our best and hope that the best side in our division take the premiership. ..."

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Hungarian Team to Play Here This Year

Chinese May Come Too

CONFIRMATION was received last week that a well-known Hungarian team, Ferenczvaros, will tour Australia this winter. Mr. Jack Skolnik, president of Hakoah and a patron of the association, will pro-

mote the tour in collaboration with the Australian Soccer Council.

Negotiations began in Melbourne during the Olympic Games last November. But difficulties arose in obtaining permission for the tour from the Hungarian Government and the Hungarian Football Association.

Professor Arpid Csarnardi, of the Budapest University, who was in Melbourne last year as secretary of the Hungarian Olympic Committee, undertook the task of persuading officialdom in Hungary to grant the necessary clearances for the tour.

Twelve games, including five Test matches, will be played in capital cities and Newcastle. The tour will commence in Perth on June 29.



Mr. Jack Skolnik.

Mr. Skolnik is also negotiating with Hong Kong to bring a Chinese side to Australia.

If successful, additional matches will be arranged between the touring teams for Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane.

Morrie Buckner's Review.

—Continued from page 3.

not seem as fit as their quarter-final opponents, Bulgaria, who scored their five goal winning margin in the closing minutes of each half.

INDONESIA surprised everybody by holding the Russians to a draw before being beaten 4-0 in the re-play.

THAILAND, a perfectly proportioned but small side, were no match for the taller, more rugged British players in their only match.

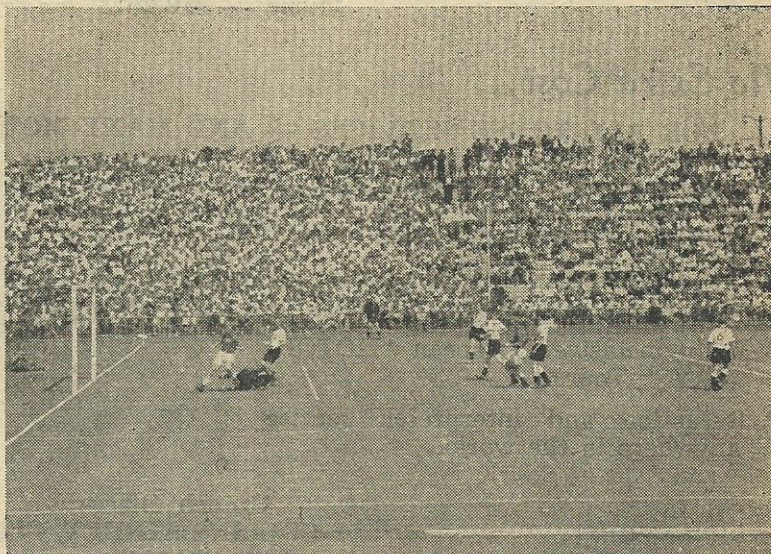
UNITED STATES were capable of offering only token resistance to Yugoslavia in their only appearance. Their team reflected the fact that soccer in the U.S. is a very minor sport indeed.

CREDIT THEIRS.

A final pat on the back to the organising efficiency of three Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association officials — Mr. A. Kerr (treasurer), Mr. N. Rothfield (vice-president) and Mr. W. R. Thomas (chairman) — who took on the jobs of arena manager, assistant arena manager and technical adviser respectively. They must take credit for the smooth functioning of the soccer section of the Games.

And it drew the following glowing comment from Britain's soccer chief, Sir Stanley Rous: "The entire concept and mechanics of the Melbourne Olympiad were equal to, and in many respects better than, any previous Olympiad within my experience. . . ."

First Game at Olympic Park



The first game of soccer at Olympic Park since it was rebuilt was the opening Olympic Games tie, U.S.S.R. v. Germany. Here we see a small section of the 25,000 crowd and Russian 'keeper, Iachine, down for a save. Russia won 2-1.

SOCCER GOSSIP

By
Ron Ford

FOURTH TIME LUCKY FOR GOAL-HUNGRY LIONS?

FIRST chat this season was with a very worried man.

And he didn't lose at the races! Name: Mr. I. Melnyk. He's Lions administrative boss. The trouble: Two home games in the first week and no ground to play on. Seems the local cricket team are still batting strong and have first claim on the Lions' sportsfield.

That's not all. At the weekend, morose Mr. Melnyk didn't even know the names or addresses of the opposing clubs!

But Mr. Melnyk needn't be so miserable. His club should go places this season. AT LAST! His team have topped the Metropolitan North Division for the past three seasons, and each time have been beaten at the last whistle on goal average and had to settle for second place.

Goal average. So the cry went up: Strengthen the defence. But not the Lions. They went for new forwards. And got them. Couldn't have done better if they'd met the immigrant boats at Port Melbourne.

Says Mr. M.: "Most of our club players are new." He's got three Germans, one Italian, a few other Europeans, and a couple of promising reserves all booked for Saturday's line-up.

Lions' other big news?: "We've got Ivan Senisen."

Ivan says he's too old to play at 36. But he's not too old to coach. That's why Lions signed him. He played for J.U.S.T., remember? Also had a couple of night games for Moreland. And he was one of the State team defenders till last season.

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TOM JACK will retire. TOM JACK may retire. TOM JACK will not retire. No matter what TOM JACK does, don't say I didn't tell you!

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THREE first-class recruits — Lorenzo Spaziani, Lidio Granelli and Vincent Parlato — all prominent players in Western Australia have arrived from Perth. Juventus are the lucky club.

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Sandringham Recruit New Players

I hear of a new atmosphere at Sandringham City. They finished way down among the Third Division stragglers last season, but this time they're rebuilding with a team around the 22 age mark.

They collected several new boys during the summer — mainly Dutch and Irish players — to replace five of last season's regulars who aren't available now. With several top men missing, they beat F.N.D. 2-0 in their final practice.

Key inside left, Bunty Hyndman — Footscray first team last season and now with the City — may miss this week's game at Port Melbourne because of a muscle injury. Leader Jordan is out. He's playing in cricket finals.

Hear that 17-year-old City spear-head, Londoner Terry Clarke, is shaping so well he's booked for early promotion.

German journalist, Mr. F. Schwab, has taken over secretaryship of St. Albans. A sports-writer, he was associated with several German papers and he occasionally writes for the German Soccer Association. In the last German soccer year book he wrote a feature on Australian soccer.

On the playing side, St. Albans have been doing well in trial games. Again the accent's on youth. This week's line-up against Heidelberg includes two 18-year-old inside forwards.

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Hungarian Coach Wants Work!

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Over from Perth comes 28-year-old Dutch goalkeeper, Joe Ruyters, to join the crack Wilhelmina side. In the West he played with Azurri for three years.

Other top-name new-comers to Wilhelmina are 26-year-old defender, Bill Westerveld, a salesman — he has played for Sydney Austral and the New Zealand State side — and inside right, Rein Yntema, just out from Holland.

Back in the Netherlands, all three played first division soccer, and Yntema was also a State "B" team man.

And what of Geelong, who take on Wilhelmina at Olympic Park to-morrow? Just the quick comment: "We have the intention of winning." We'll see.

HUNGARIAN soccer coach with a long and honourable experience is in our midst. Has made it known he would accept a post with one of our clubs. Club secretaries: Form a queue and write to Mr. Z. Madarasz, 212 Clarke Street, Northcote.

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RUSS McKENZIE, Brighton forward, who sustained a broken fore-arm bone in the World Cup game, Australia v. Italy, late last season, is to receive a contribution toward his medical expenses from the Sunday International League. This was unanimously decided at the League's meeting last week.

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CLIMBING out of the doldrums is Third Division Frankston backed by new players and enthusiastic workers. Secretary A. R. Rinor comments: "Frankston hope to be less of an Aunt Sally than they have been in the past few seasons." You said it!

Record Crowd Sees Games Final



Here is a section of the 100,000 crowd which saw the Olympic Games Final at the Main Stadium on Closing Day when U.S.S.R. won the gold medal by beating Yugoslavia by 1-0.

Division 1 review by Morrie Buckner

STAR INFLUX ENSURES TOP SOCCER

WITH Wilhelmina in the First Division, and strong rumours that Geelong have re-organised into a powerful combination, the senior League should provide the toughest and closest competition for years.

At the time of going to press, teams were still being sorted out, and their relative strengths were obscure. But this year should find more individual, recently imported stars afield than ever before.

Juventus have brought several players from Perth — and all have good reputations in their baggage.

Wilhelmina's Rein Yntema was playing his way into top form at the end of the night soccer season, and Joe Ruyter will be a star crowd-pleaser in the Windmills' goal.

VITTI BACK?

The news that Aldo Vitti, Hakoah's goalie, has found that his injured knee has stood up to severe tests, and that he will appear between the sticks again will be received with keen pleasure by his many admirers.

And Tom Jack, the Blues' captain-coach, will probably be seen directing strategy from the right-

back pocket. No doubt, brilliant young centre-half, Bobby Garland, will feel much more secure with the knowledge that he has Tom behind him.

If J.U.S.T. play in the League as they played in the night soccer, they could easily win the Premiership. Pepe Cubero has added aggressive vigor to his clever forward play, and Lolly Vella is faster and more determined than ever. Ardner, at centre-forward, is a lucky acquisition, and the Red-sox defence, based on Brenner, Vidovic, and Muscat, are sound.

Slavia's young Garry Gotschlich, late of Austria Vienna, will take the field with a reputation for attractive soccer, and should please Slavia and neutral supporters.

Polonia's attack is still in question, but there is no doubt about the defence, where Jakubowski, Zablocki and Terlikowski will be seen again.

MORE EXPERIENCED.

Brighton have brought in some experienced players, in Lachmann, Engelbogen and Kokatko to bolster their young 'uns.

Geelong have obtained the services of Penzo, Boz, Scalamera and Pangrazio, and could prove a force to be reckoned with.

MORELAND MOVE BACK TO CAMPBELL PARK

CLUB with some of the brightest First Division news are Moreland. With an eye to big honours next year they include six players under 21 in this week's team. They've moved back to re-turfed Campbell Park ground — and they claim they've got

the best accommodation in the First Division.

A new inner fence has been erected at the ground and the dressing room has been modernised. It will be the first time Moreland have used Campbell Park for two years.

Man behind the Moreland playing power build-up is Len Young. Four youngsters he has coached — Ron McColl and Dave Oxton from the Colts side, and Don Hodgson and Ted Smith — are in the squad from which the side to play Polonia will be finally selected.

Four of Moreland's Saturday forward line have played for Australia, and two of them — Frank Loughran and Ted Smith — were in the Olympic team.

Also in the attack is Jack Wilson, who moved to Moreland from Brighton in the close season. And another new-comer is half-back, Sam Kyle, a former Sunshine player.

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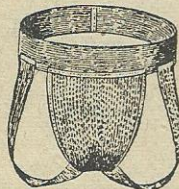
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NO GLAMOR TEAM IN DIV. 2

Predicts Des. Hamilton

UNLIKE previous years, the Second Division does not appear to contain an outstanding side to sweep all before them in the manner in which Juventus, Polonia, J.U.S.T., Slavia and Wilhelmina did on their way to the top in successive years.

Hence, this division should provide some terrific battles as the teams strive for the coveted positions that will mean promotion to the senior division, and fight to

avoid the down-grading that will be the inevitable fate of two clubs.

UNBEATEN PRESTON.

Preston return from an unbeaten one-season sojourn in the Third Division, and if they can hold the nucleus of last year's team together should do well.

Richmond, the other club promoted to this division, showed terrific power last season to top-score all senior divisions with over 100 goals. While they may find the Second Division a tougher proposition, they are undoubtedly the dark horse of the League at this stage.

Relegated Footscray City and Prahran should find this League more to their liking while they are rebuilding their sides.

Greek team, Hellenic, and the Maltese-sponsored George Cross will have their usual strong and enthusiastic support, and should be in the thick of things in the upper half of the ladder.

STRONG AGAIN.

Yallourn, with recruits from all over the vast Latrobe Valley, always provide a strong side when they are in Division 2.

South Melbourne United, Sunshine City, and South Yarra complete the League, and can always be relied upon to win their share of games, and upset the best-laid calculations.

Until it is known just how many players from this League have been recruited by First Division clubs, and until the revealing early rounds have been played, prospects in this division are anybody's guess.

JUNIOR SOCCER ROUND-UP

THE Victorian Junior Association start their season next Saturday — with more clubs than ever before and plenty of enthusiasm (writes Barrie Matthews).

Sunshine City, for instance, had only one team in the league last season. This time there are five, including two in the Under 13 Division. New coach, Joe Fothral, has them under his wing.

New-comers to the Under 17's are Fairfield and Dandenong, but

one side that will be missed are Yallourn. Melbourne clubs felt that the 100 miles or so out to Gippsland every other week was too far and too expensive for their sides. So at a meeting this month Yallourn were voted out.

This is naturally a big disappointment to the keen Yallourn players. They had been quite willing to go on making the trip to Melbourne every other match.

Two big events are scheduled for later in the season. At Brisbane there's the Junior Australian Carnival, at which Queensland, N.S.W., Western Australia and Victoria are likely to compete. Finance will decide finally which States will send sides. At the moment no decision has been made with regard to Victoria.

The second attraction will be the Victorian Under 20's Junior Cup competition. Last year's league winners and the cup holders, Juventus, will have to be on their mettle to maintain their excellent record.

The season, then, has all the ingredients of some good soccer. It now remains with the players and officials to play their part.

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TEAMS FOR THIS WEEK-END

AT Press time, clubs had short-listed the following players in their line-ups for the opening matches this week-end:—

DIVISION 1.

Teams to be selected from:

BRIGHTON v. Box Hill, at Surrey Park—A. Scott; J. Finlay, K. Cullen; M. Kokatko, A. McCartney, C. Engelbogen; F. Sirach, J. Garrett, B. Buissink, J. Lachmann, R. McKenzie.

GEELONG v. Wilhelmina, at Olympic Park on Sunday—Penso or Carli; Sabidussi, Salvalaggio; Torcello, Majaura, Pangrazio; Anderson, Scalamera, Boz, Tognon, Varrasso. Reserve: Carli-Bassi.

MORELAND v. Polonia, at Maribymong—N. Hobson; D. Innard, B. Eastaway, R. McColl; L. Goodman, L. Stott, De Banaroi; S. Kyle, F. Loughran, T. Smith, J. Wilson, D. Hodgson, D. Oxtan.

POLONIA v. Moreland: Terlikowski; Zablocki, Jakudowski; Lubini, Tedzinaz, Lawrie; Johnson, Strachan, Son-Nagy, Plekan, Czarkaski.

JUVENTUS v. Slavia, at Olympic Park, on Saturday — Vitti, Picinich, Guardiani, Kassai, Saico, Lacatos, Novaselich, Plateo, Saico, Toth, Parlatoni, Weinber, Zavatier, Trentini, Pittoni.

DIVISION 2.

Teams to be selected from:

SOUTH YARRA v. Yallourn, at Fawkner Park—Campbell; Mitchell, Bolton; Grant, McCall, Bain; Curran, McNiell, Anastasios, Gelsimono, Murphy.

GEORGE CROSS v. South Melbourne, at Middle Park—D. Manering; V. Muscat, H. Gruppetta; F. D'Amato, J. Farrugia, P. Hathaway; P. Zammit, J. Debono, Jayes, E. Zammit, M. Cachia. Reserves: A. Catania, F. Catania, S. Chet-chuti.

YALLOURN v. South Yarra—Blunt or Szabo; T. Saxelby, Porritt, Dykes, Lechnecker; Neudlinger, Bathgate, Roberts, Weir; H. Saxelby, Mackie, McLean, Ostlund, Lobley.

SOUTH MELBOURNE v. Geo. Cross, at Middle Park—Camilleri; Forsythe, Neill; Annarsley, Thompson, Guy, Jordan; Budgen, James, Macleod, Eagleton.

DIVISION 3.

Teams to be selected from:

FRANKSTON v. Park Rangers, at Middle Park—Albers; Bierman, A. N. Other; Zelst, Wilkes, Pig-gott; Heath, Richardson, Wren, Betts, Vogelesang. Reserves: Rossetto, Bouwmeester.

YARRA PARK v. Moorabbin City, at Moorabbin—Babakeae or Katakouzinol; Anolricopoulos, Papadatos; Koukounarae, Tzantos, Papapantos; Deomantopoulos, Picoulas, Vlahos, Papavasiliou, Andrcopoulos. Reserves: Hatyigeorgiort, Kokotis.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

MELBOURNE v. Wilhelmina, at home—L. Urban, B. Koller; F. Voros, B. Vass; J. Szalai, B. Szalai, M. Szlifka; Z. Zavodosky, Z. Zolani, A. Torok, A. Kocs, M. Andry.

SANDRINGHAM v. Port Melbourne, at P. Melbourne—Bould or Williamson; R. Hayball, Cantwell; D. Hyndman, Bartolo, McQuaigue, Liston; Gardner, L. Hayball, Saunders, B. Hyndman, Dawson, Daw. Reserves: Young, Sutherland, Clarke.

FERNTREE GULLY v. Victoria Police, at Yarra Park—J. Lacunes; P. Saes, A. Hopstee; H. Gebbink, B. Hoogebrugge, D. V. D. Steegen; H. Steginga, T. de Kort, B. Kortten, B. Peeters, A. de Rooy. Reserves: J. Rijkelijhuizen, B. Suidgeest, B. Dorner, J. Kolk.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

BAYSWATER v. University, at Princes Park—G. E. Kayser; W. Seegets, K. Gunther; G. U. Kayser, W. Steller, A. Fuchs; H. Wied, E. Klaus, K. Imberger, E. Seegets, H. Weller. Reserves: K. Steller, A. Seegets, V. Bulach.

ST. ALBANS v. Heidelberg, at Heidelberg—Miller; Schiede, Berger, Simonis, Winkler; Feist, Torner, Stuttmann, Stolk; van Kuyk, Landherr, Kolaritsch, Goettlicher, Beller. Reserves: Bartkowiak, Svaganvic, Stirkel.

C.S.R. v. I.C.I., at I.C.I.—A. Marinescu; Vorosiadis, Beniamino; E. Merkenich, A. Gatt, L. Bonavia; J. Niely, A. Angelo, E. Frendo, M. Borg, T. Farrugia. Reserve: N. Stolz.

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SHOCK question of the night soccer season: What caused the star of one of the Sun Cup finalists, famed for his calm and a Best and Fairest Medallist, to flatten the star of the other side with a perfect right cross?

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Division 3 Round-Up

Promoted Hayduk Have Championship Look

THE 12-team Third Division is composed this year of an extremely scrambled variety of strengths and potential, and the eventual outcome at season's end is a hazy mystery at this stage.

The records of the clubs would indicate that any team that succeeds in welding together an all-round sound and reasonably powerful side should waltz through to promotion.

One of the teams with possibilities in this direction is Hayduk, who showed promise in 1956 — their first year — by winning the Premiership of the Metropolitan North Division.

Yarra Park, promoted from Metropolitan South, also put up a good performance to win 13 of their 14 games with a splendid goal percentage, and could make their presence felt.

Coburg, who paced it all season with the leaders only to suffer an unaccountable lapse several weeks before the end of the season, should do well again this season with Preston and Richmond out of the way. This could be their year.

Park Rangers and the Victorian Colts, who came down from the Second Division, should stir things up, and Dandenong, Mac-cabi, Sunshine United, and Brunswick will probably provide the tough opposition usually expected of them.

Frankston, F.N.D. and Moorabbin City are as yet unknown quantities, and we can only hope that they are ready to spring a few surprises.

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CONSIDERING the soaring temperatures and intense rivalry of the players in last Saturday's Sun Cup Final, it was a pleasure to see the sportsman-like reaction set in as soon as the final whistle was blown. Cheers by the Wilhelmina players for the winners were followed by handshakes and general fraternisation all round.

George Cross Dance

TWO items from George Cross. They are all going off to their Club Dance after the match this Saturday. It's at the Albion Hall, Lygon St., Brunswick. Day after, however, it's down to business with their quarterly meeting at the club's premises (477 Royal Parade, Parkville), at 2.30 p.m.



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YOUR SOCCER FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEK

NEXT Saturday's Victorian Amateur Soccer Association matches are as follows:

DIVISION 1.

Hakoah v. Wilhelmina
Moreland v. J.U.S.T.
Juventus v. Polonia.
Brighton v. Slavia.
Geelong v. Box Hill.

DIVISION 2.

Preston v. Prahran
Yallourn v. Sunshine City
George Cross v. South Yarra
Footscray C. v. South Melb.
Richmond v. Hellenic

DIVISION 3.

Vic. Colts v. Moorabbin City
Yarra Park v. Brunswick
F.N.D. v. Dandenong Rovers
Sunshine U. v. Coburg
Frankston v. Maccabi
Hayduk v. Park Rangers

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Wilhelmina v. Hakoah
J.U.S.T. v. Moreland
Polonia v. Juventus
Slavia v. Brighton
Box Hill v. Geelong

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Prahran v. Preston
Sunshine City v. Yallourn
South Yarra v. George Cross
South Melb. v. Footscray C.
Hellenic v. Richmond

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Coburg v. Sandringham C.
Moorabbin C. v. Heidelberg
Brunswick v. Sunshine U.
Dandenong v. I.C.I.
Park Rangers v. University
Maccabi v. Lions

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

St. Albans v. Lions
C.S.R. v. Heidelberg
Bayswater v. I.C.I.
Williamstown v. University
C. Fert. v. Fairfield

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Wilhelmina v. Vic. Police
G.M. Holdens v. Melbourne
Rosebud v. Pascoe Vale
Sandringham C. v. Croatia
Ferntree Gully v. P. Melb.

OLYMPIC PARK PROGRAM

HERE are the matches which will be played at Olympic Park during the first half of the season, starting with to-day's game between Slavia and Juventus. The rest of the games will be published in "Soccer News" later this season.

MARCH.

30—Slavia v. Juventus
31—Wilhelmina v. Geelong

APRIL.

6—Brighton v. Slavia
7—Juventus v. Polonia
13—J.U.S.T. v. Juventus
14—Hakoah v. Geelong
20—Moreland v. Hakoah
21—No Matches
22—Wilhelmina v. Brighton
27—Box Hill v. Wilhelmina
28—World Cup

MAY.

4—Wilhelmina v. Slavia
5—World Cup
11—Polonia v. Wilhelmina
12—World Cup
18—Wilhelmina v. J.U.S.T.
25—Hakoah v. Juventus

TABLES NEXT WEEK.

Watch this page next week for a complete list of the League ladders.

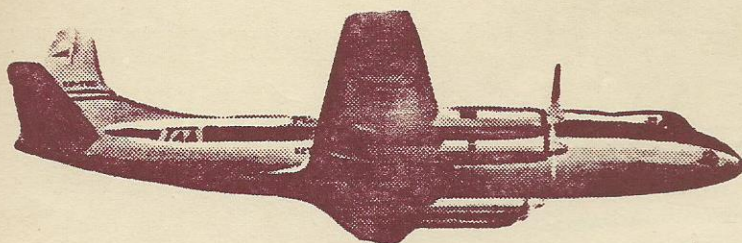
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